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1. JAPAN

EMPEROR ARRIVES O'HARE, GREETED BY ILLINOIS GOV WALKER (AP, SUN), HAS LUNCH WITH MAYOR DALEY, TOUR CHICAGO (UPI PHINQ, NYDN; WP). HIROHITO ALSO VISITS 750-ACRE FARM TO SEE HOW CORN, SOYBEANS IMPORTED BY JAPAN ARE GROWN, MECHANICALLY HARVESTED. LUNCHEON GUESTS INCLUDED AGRIC SECY BUTZ. POLICE ARREST MAN WITH PISTOL AT HOSPITAL BEFORE VISIT BY EMPRESS, BUT SECRET SERVICE BELIEVES NO THREAT TO EMPRESS (WP).

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CHITRIB CARRIES FULL PAGE PHOTOS OF CROWDS, OFFICIAL

MOTORCADE IN CITY, PLUS COAKLEY/VAN STORY OF DAY'S EVENTS. THEY MENTION DALEY RODE FROM AIRPORT WITH IMPERIAL COUPLE WHILE ILLINOIS GOV WAS IN OTHER CAR; DESCRIBE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. NOTE SMALL SAVE-OUR-WHALES DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE JAPAN TRADE CENTER. QUOTE HIROHITO'S PRAISE FOR CHICAGO'S "BOUNDLESS VIGOR," IMPORTANT ECON ROLE.

WSTAR (10/7) REPORTS EMPRESS' COAT THAT DISAPPEARED AT NYC MAYOR BEAME'S LUNCHEON WAS ON ARM OF LADY-IN-WAITING

WHO DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH AND HAD NO IDEA WHAT ALL THE HULLABALOO WAS ABOUT. NYDN'S GOTTLIEB DESCRIBES EXTENSIVE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS DURING IMPERIAL VISIT, MENTIONS BANK SIEGE AT SAME TIME UPSTAGED EMPEROR. WP'S CONROY CALLS HAVING EMPEROR, EMPRESS IN FOR TEA MOST APPROPRIATE HOUSEWARMING" FOR VP ROCKY'S NEW JAPANESE STYLE HOUSE OUTSIDE NYC.

JAPANESE TO SEE "GONE WITH THE WIND" ON TV (UPI NYDN, PHINQ). JOBLESS RATE ROSE DURING AUG, REACHED 1.88-PCT OF WORKFORCE. UNEMPLOYMENT STILL RISING DESPITE SLIGHT ECON UPTURN (UPI, JOC). SEAMEN SEEK 17.8 RISE IN WAGES IN NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL BEGIN IN SPRING (CULLISON, JOC). MITI HAS NO JUSTIFIABLE WAY PREVENT DOW CHEMICAL FROM ENTERING LIBERALIZED CHEMICAL MARKET, SO APPARENTLY DECIDED TO SHELVE APPLICATION FOR TIME BEING. MITI OBVIOUSLY UNDER HEAVY INDUSTRY PRESSURE REVERSE LIBERALIZATION PROCESS (CULLISON, JOC).

2. KOREA

SK, IRAN REACH AGREEMENT ON 60,000-BBL REFINERY, FIRST NON-US ONE IN SK. CONSTRUCTION OF JOINT-PROJECT WILL START NEXT YEAR, WITH COMPLETION SET FOR 1977 (UPI, JOC).

3. THAILAND

AMMO, OTHER GOODS, VALUED AT ABOUT 75,000 DOLS DISAPPEARED WHILE STORED IN US MIL WAREHOUSES OR BEING TRANSPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN BASES OVER LAST 3 MOS. INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY, SECURITY TIGHTENED (UPI, PHINQ).

4. NEW ZEALAND

CURRENT ACCOUNT IN RED IN AUG, 25TH DEFICIT IN 26 MOS. GULF HAS BEEN BRIDGED BY OVERSEAS BORROWING, BUT UNLESS CHANGE IN TERMS OF TRADE OR INCREASE IN PRIMARY PRODUCE

PRICES, COUNTRY FACES LIVING STD CUT (JOC).

5. PHILIPPINES

MAN SURRENDERS AFTER TRYING HIJACK PAL PLANE WITH 70 ABOARD TO LIBYA. SUSPECT SAID TO BE MENTALLY UNSTABLE, DERANGED OVER UNSOLVED KIDNAPPING INFANT DAUGHTER (UPI, NYDN; PHINQ; CHITRIB; AP, WSTAR 10/7).

6. CHINA

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS (10/7) SEES RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN WALKOUT DURING TENG HSIAO-PING SPEECH LEADING TO MOST STRAINED RELATIONS IN YEARS. WALKOUT CAME NIGHT BEFORE AT BANQUET FOR YUGOSLAV PREMIER, FOLLOWED BY ATTACK ON KREMLIN IN PEOPLE'S DAILY. PAPER COMPARED SOVIET POLICY TO THAT OF NAZI GERMANY. ATTACK HARSHTEST YET. MOSCOW CHARGES PEKING SEEKING A NEW WORLD WAR (SUN).

U.S. AND CHINA ARE IN ALLIANCE OF CONVENIENCE IN ANGOLA, BOTH SUPPORT NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (FNLA). ALLIANCE TENUOUS AS U.S.-CHINA VYING FOR INFLUENCE WITH ZAIRE PRESIDENT, MOBUTU (CHITRIB).

CONTROL DATA CORP. CONFIRMS THAT IT HOPES TO SELL HUGE COMPUTER SYSTEMS TO CHINA AND USSR. ORDERS ALREADY RECEIVED, EXPORT LICENSES PENDING WITH COMMERCE. IF COMMERCE APPROVES, ISSUE GOES TO COCOM (WSJ 10/7).

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AMERICAN AGRONOMISTS EXPERIMENT WITH CHINESE VEGETABLE SEEDS, FIND PLANTS INTERESTING BUT NOT GENERALLY MARKETABLE. BREEDING PROGRAMS AIM AT MIXING CHINESE, AMERICAN VARIETIES (NYT).

JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS CHINESE DEMANDING EXTREMELY LOW PRICES FOR STEEL THEY HOPE TO IMPORT FROM JAPAN. SAYS JAPANESE LIKELY TO AGREE TO SPECIALLY LOW PRICES, GENEROUS CREDIT TERMS.

BANK OF AMERICA BECOMES SECOND U.S. BANK WITH NON-TRADE, CORRESPONDENT BANKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA. BOFA JOINS CHASE MAN IN LINK THROUGH BANK OF CHINA WITH LATTER'S BRANCHES IN SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, FOOCOW,

KWANGCHOW, TSINGTAO, TALIAN AND AMOY (WSJ, JOC).

CSM SAYS PROSPECTS SLIM THAT CHINA WILL BE REPRESENTED IN MONTREAL OLYMPICS NEXT JULY. CHINA, TAIWAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE UNRESOLVED.

CSM PICTURES CHINESE WORKERS LINING UP 3-HP DIESEL ENGINES IN FARM MACHINERY PLANT NEAR SHANGHAI.

7. INDOCHINA

US PROTESTANT MINISTER, REV. AL G. KOWLES, ARRIVES BANGKOK ON FRENCH FLIGHT, BECOMES FIRST AMCIT DEPART VIETNAM IN FIVE WEEKS; 37 AMCITS REMAIN, DEPARTURE MAY DEPEND ON OPENING OF US-VN NEGOTIATIONS, (UPI, NYT, PHINQ).

NYT'S ANDELMAN REPORTS HUGE QUANTITIES CIVILIAN, MIL GOODS FROM SVN BEING SHIPPED TO NORTH ACCORDING OFFICIALS, REFUGEES RECENTLY IN SAIGON. WEAPONS MAY BE RESOLD TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR ARMS DEALERS. NO EVIDENCE THAT FOOD BEING SHIPPED NORTH (EXCERPTED IN SUN).

AFP REPORTS SAIGON OFFICIALS REDUCE OFFICIAL PRICES FOR CONSUMER GOODS SET LAST MONTH, APOLOGIZE TO POPULATION FOR DIFFICULTIES PRICES CAUSED. PRICES UNCLASSIFIED

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RAISED SEPT. 22 ALONG WITH INTRODUCTION OF NEW CURRENCY (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. JAPAN

HEMPSTONE (PHINQ) SEES HIROHITO AS BRIDGE BETWEEN 2 POWERS, WITH VISIT SYMBOLIZING END WW II, CLOSENESS THAT TRANSCENDS RACIAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL DIFFERENCES. REVIEWS RECENT HISTORY OF RELS BETWEEN US, JAPAN. NOTES INTERESTS US, USSR, CHINA CONVERGE IN KOREA, SO ARGUABLE THAT JAPAN CAN NO LONGER GET BY WITH SMALL MIL FORCE.

CSM'S SCHMIDT DESCRIBES EMPEROR'S ITINERARY, CALLS MODEST IMPERIAL COUPLE SYMBOLS OF HISTORY, TRADITION. NOTES EMPEROR VERY SPECIAL PERSON, EXCHANGE OF VISITS MATTER SOME DELICACY. REVIEW RECENT US-JAPAN RELS, QUOTES REISCHAUER THAT JAPAN MAY HAVE BECOME COUNTRY MOST IMPORTANT TO US. POINTS OUT JAPAN DEPENDS ON US MILITARILY, IS ONLY CLOSE PARTNER WITH TOTALLY DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUND.

9. CHINA

WSTAR'S BRADSHER RELATES U.S. INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS' ANALYSIS THAT CHINA HAS HALTED, OR NEARLY HALTED, WORK ON DEVELOPING ICBM CAPABLE OF ATTACKING U.S. NOTES THAT PROGRAM WAS HIGH PRIORITY UP TO 1972, BUT AT PRESENT RATE WILL TAKE UNTIL 1980 AT EARLIEST TO DEVELOP CAPABILITY. SPECULATES PEKING IS FOCUSING ATTENTION, RESOURCES ON SOVIETS, "MAIN THREAT TO PEACE." OBSERVES CHANGED PERCEPTION OF U.S. ROLE IN ASIA. NOTES CHANGED U.S. VIEW OF CHINA, SEEN AS

WHETHER PROGRAM SLIPPAGE IS RESULT OF POLITICAL DECISION OR TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

10. INDOCHINA

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SHARE AUTHORITY THROUGH COALITION GOVERNMENT "HONORED IN THE BREACH, AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED," NOTES 100,000 LAOTIANS, INCLUDING MOST SKILLED, HAVE FLED ABROAD, 3,000 MILITARY OFFICERS SENT TO INTERIOR FOR "REEDUCATION," REST OF 60,000-MAN ROYAL ARMY CONVERTED TO LABOR GANGS. ALL DISSENT DISCOURAGED, PRESS CONTROLLED, SOVIET TECHNICIANS REPLACE AMERICANS. SAYS LOW U.S. PROFILE ADVISABLE NOW. IF USG PROPERTY RETURNED, RESUMPTION HUMANITARIAN AID SHOULD NOT BE RULED OUT. KISSINGER

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